

Safety Alert

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Hole in lid 1.5ml Tapered Tubes

Averting potential incidents

Thank you to the keen-eyed researcher who noticed and reported a small fault in some items in a batch of laboratory consumables. Many of the 1.5ml tapered tubes (image of tube) had a pin-head sized mark on a particular location of the lid (image A). A closer look at a larger mark showed that it was actually a hole (Image B). It is important to report faulty plant, equipment and laboratory items, not just to break the chain of events that could lead to an incident, but also to provide feedback to the manufacturer/supplier so that the problem can be sorted. This particular fault could result in the loss of contents (eg microorganism) with the subsequent contamination of equipment and exposure to personnel, or the ingress of substances. Thanks to the fact that the observation had been reported, communication was able to be sent to alert people to check their stock.

Tapered Tube



Image A



Image B

